



Year 11 | Exam Expectations

1st May 2025

Where are we now?



What is this assembly about?

- Legal information we **must** share with you about your exams from the JCQ
- How **we** will conduct our examinations in school
- Support and Help available to you over the exam period
- Reminder of **our** expectations of **you** around the site during the exam period
- Reminder of the **key dates** coming up



Year 11 Examinations 2025

8 Weeks - National Exam Period

Over **675,000 students** across the country will be sitting their exams

NEXT WEEK (5th May)

- GCSE Drama & NEA deadlines

12th May ONWARDS...

- Whole cohort & written examinations begin (English – Monday 12th May)
- Normal timetable

Locations

- **Sports Hall & Quiet Room**



The exam boards have a set of rules which all students must follow when taking their exams.

These rules cover:

Before the exam

You need to know which exams you have been entered for, and when they take place

During the exam

You need to know the rules you need to follow in the exam room

After the exam

You need to know when and how you will receive your results, and what to do if you think an error might have been made with your grade(s)





Before the exam period

Now...

Before the Exam Period

You have been provided with information about the exams **you** are taking this summer in the form of a ***Candidate Statement of Entry*** and an ***Exam Timetable***.



You must check these documents for:

- **Accuracy**. Tell the exams officer if:
 - **you** think we have been entered for an incorrect exam or **TIER**
 - **you** have not been entered for an exam which you think you should be sitting
 - **your** personal details are incorrect
- **Exam day arrangements**
 - Be aware of the date, time and location (room) of all **your** exams /assessments
- **Exam clashes**
 - Ensure that know what to do if **you** have two or more exam papers timetabled at the same time (this is known as a timetable clash)



Contingency sessions

There are no exams taking place on the following days/sessions.

You are expected to be in school or make yourself available at these times in case they are used in the event of an emergency:

- Monday 2 June (All Day)
- Wednesday 11 June (afternoon)
- Wednesday 25 June (all day)

DO NOT GO ON HOLIDAY BEFORE 26th JUNE (Which is Prom)!

June

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 ×	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 ×	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ×	26	27	28	29
30						

FILE GENERATED BY SWANSEA.COM





During the Exams

**Just like
the
mocks!**

Exam Expectations - before the exam

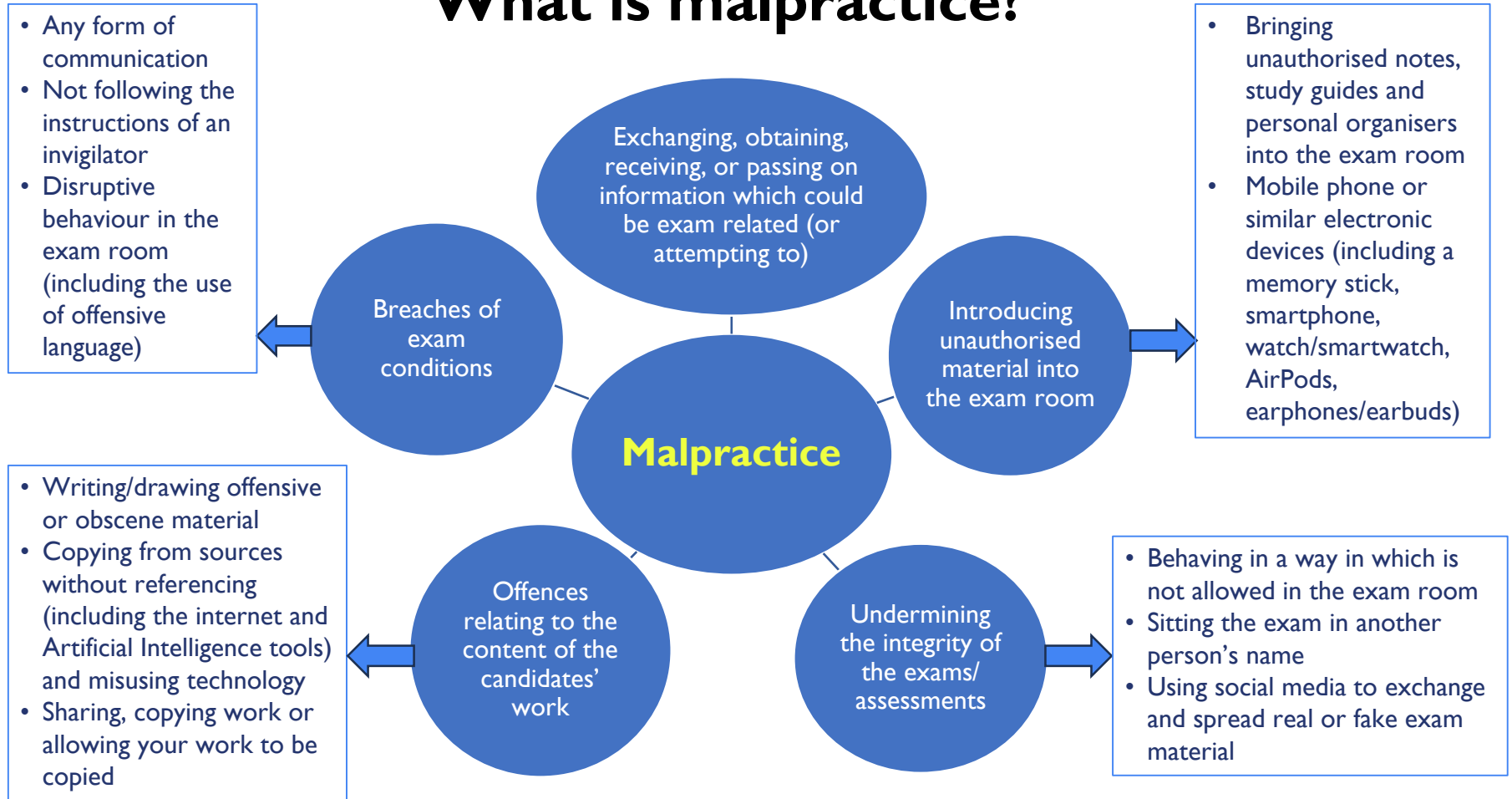
- Exam timetable - know **your** times and locations
- Room / Row / Seat
- Ensure you have any equipment in a **clear** bag or pencil case

Remember:

- Toilet **before** the exam
- Water - **no label and clear bottle**
- Coat / Bags when directed
- Mobile phones - make sure switched off and placed into your Crew Tray in the morning as normal.
- **All** watches – leave in bag or hand to invigilator

**Just
like the
mocks!**

What is malpractice?



Morning Exams (Core Exams)

Atrium will be open from **0800**

Register

Line up in seating plan order and go to Sports Hall when asked.



Just
like the
mocks!

Exam Expectations - Other Rooms

If you are in another such as **G10** (The “Quiet” Room)

Register first and go directly to those rooms and wait outside.

No Exam

Normal Timetable



What are formal exam room conditions?

Formal examination/exam room conditions are:

- Not talking to other candidates
- Not disturbing other candidates
- Not communicating with other candidates

- You are under formal examination conditions **from the moment you enter the exam room** in which you will be taking your examination(s) **until the point at which you are permitted to leave**
- If you talk to, disturb and/or communicate with other candidates as you enter or leave the exam room (as well as the whole time you are in the exam room), this is **malpractice** and will be reported to the awarding body who will decide whether to penalise you which may include disqualification

Invigilators

- Each exam room will have at least one invigilator
- Awarding bodies insist that invigilators must follow strict rules and regulations during exams
- Invigilators must record any irregular incidents which occur in the exam room (e.g. if someone feels unwell, requires the toilet or falls asleep etc.)
- If you behave in a suspicious manner the invigilator will approach you and ask you to stop
- If you misbehave, the invigilator will warn you that you may be removed from the exam room
- You are committing **malpractice** if you do not follow the invigilators instructions



**Just
like the
mocks!**

Leaving the Room & Water Bottles

Just
like the
mocks!

Leaving the Room

- Allowed Rest Breaks, known medical issues or exceptional circumstances only
- Cannot leave **for the first** 45 minutes or **last** 15 minutes
- It is not **accepted practice** to go to the toilet in Examinations.
- Go beforehand and manage yourself
- Stay for entire length of the exam

Water Bottles

- Clear – no words or labels
- Water or Light Squash only



Water Bottles PERMITTED in GCSE Exams



Emergency Evacuation of the Exam Room

- Do not communicate with anyone
- You **must** always follow the instructions of the invigilators
- **If** you have to evacuate; you must remain silent until allowed back in.
- You will be given extra time to complete the exam



Exit from the Sports Hall

Just
like the
mocks!

- Silence until you have **left** the exam room
- Chat on the way out **has** to be reported
- Dismissed row by row - ***follow the instructions of the invigilators***
- Pick up any items handed in.
- **Go to where you are supposed to be!**



Between exams



Normal or Modified Timetable

Your teacher decides what you do in lessons!

No Wandering the site

Straight **TO** and **FROM** exams

Just
like the
mocks!

Breaks & Lunch

Breaks

- Normal when no examinations are on.
- **In an exam** – Check the screens. You will get a break!

Lunch

- When there is an afternoon exam:
 - **1245 – 1315**
 - **P4** – Will be 45 minutes
- Canteen open as normal
- **Crew** as normal if you're not in an exam



Afternoon Exams

Just
like the
mocks!

Go to the Toilet!

Go to the **Sports Hall** or outside your room at **1315**

Registers will be taken

Exactly the same expectations as the morning.



At the end of the exam in the afternoon

Just
like the
mocks!

When the afternoon exam is finished

- You may go home

or

- Wait in the Atrium until your bus

Please don't wander around site

If you're **not** in an exam - you leave at the end of the day as normal.



Timings of the day

Once the exam period **starts**

Your school day will revolve around your exams.

If you have no exam – **you are in as normal** including Registration

If you have exams - you **finish** when they do. - This may be **after 1500!**

We may “move” some lessons around to help you revise or provide workshops before examinations



During the Exam period

- Breakfast and teachers will be available from **8am** in the morning for all exams
- **Period 6 Sessions** will be adjusted to reflect your exams
- We will run revision sessions where appropriate before exams
- Between exams you students will be in 'normal lessons
- Teachers will determine how this time is used – **bring revision resources**
- We expect high standards of attendance / behaviour / focus from you.
- Uniform is to be worn – *reduce the pointless confrontations!*
- Nice things!





After the exam period

Results & Queries

Available on **Thursday 21st August** from **0900**

Some Teachers and LG will be available to discuss results

We can only give the results to you or post home - please see **Mr Forster** if you're not going to be able to collect

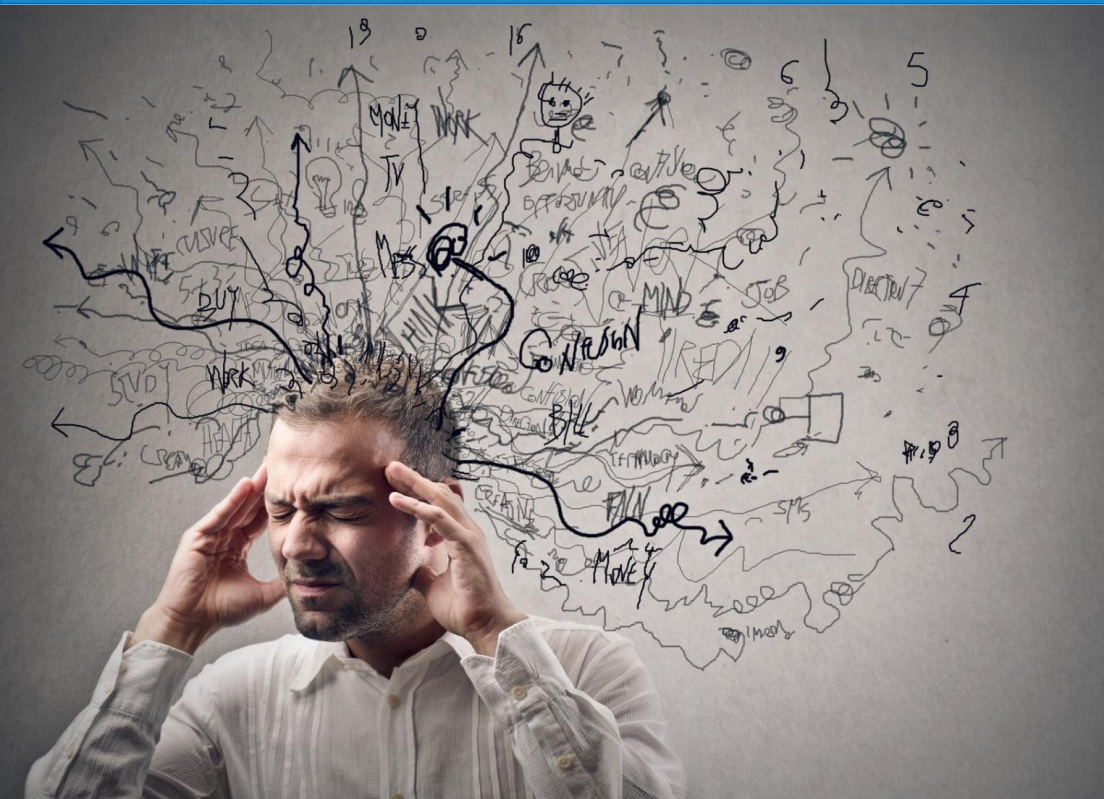
Process to query your results are in the Handbook on the website but make sure you sign the permission form!

Certificates at Certificate Evening in November 2024





You...



Candidate Handbook ✓

Student Timetable ✓

Statement of Entry ✓

School Website ✓

Screens ✓

Tutors / Teachers ✓



Balance is Key!



- Know Your Dates
- Stick to your Revision Plans
- Exercise regularly
- Talk about it
- Find somewhere quiet to study
- Record Cards & Pens?
- Eat Well
- Sleep Well
- Phones away and stop “Doom Scrolling”



Prom...

Invites out

Not your focus at the moment!

26th June 2025



Kindness & Support

If you feel overwhelmed - Talk to us / someone.

It's natural to feel some stress... and some stress is good stress!

Sometimes, talking to someone can set you on the right path

Balance is key - follow our advice

Kindness begins with the
understanding that we all
struggle.

Charles Glassman



End of Year 11 - April & May

W/C 29th April	Exams Seasons Starts	Exam Assembly
W/C 5th May	Monday - Bank Holiday	Drama Exam <i>Normal School Timetable</i>
W/C 13th May W/C 22nd May	“Big Ones” Begin	Whole cohort exams (E/M/S/) <i>Normal Timetable & Workshops</i>
W/C 27th May	Half Term Revision School	Half Term



End of Year 11- June

2 nd June 9 th June	Exams Continue	<i>Breakfast & Period 6</i>
WC 16th June		Full Timetable and teachers available for students for revision & support if you have examinations <i>Adapted Timetable & Workshops</i>
Monday 16th June	Last Whole Cohort Exam Leavers Assembly & Shirt Signing	In for exams only
26th June (Weds)	National contingency day Prom	(Last day of exam period)



4

**School Days Until GCSEs
Start**

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

6

**School Days Until First
Whole Cohort Exam**

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

34

**School Days Until Last GCSE
Contingency Day & Prom**



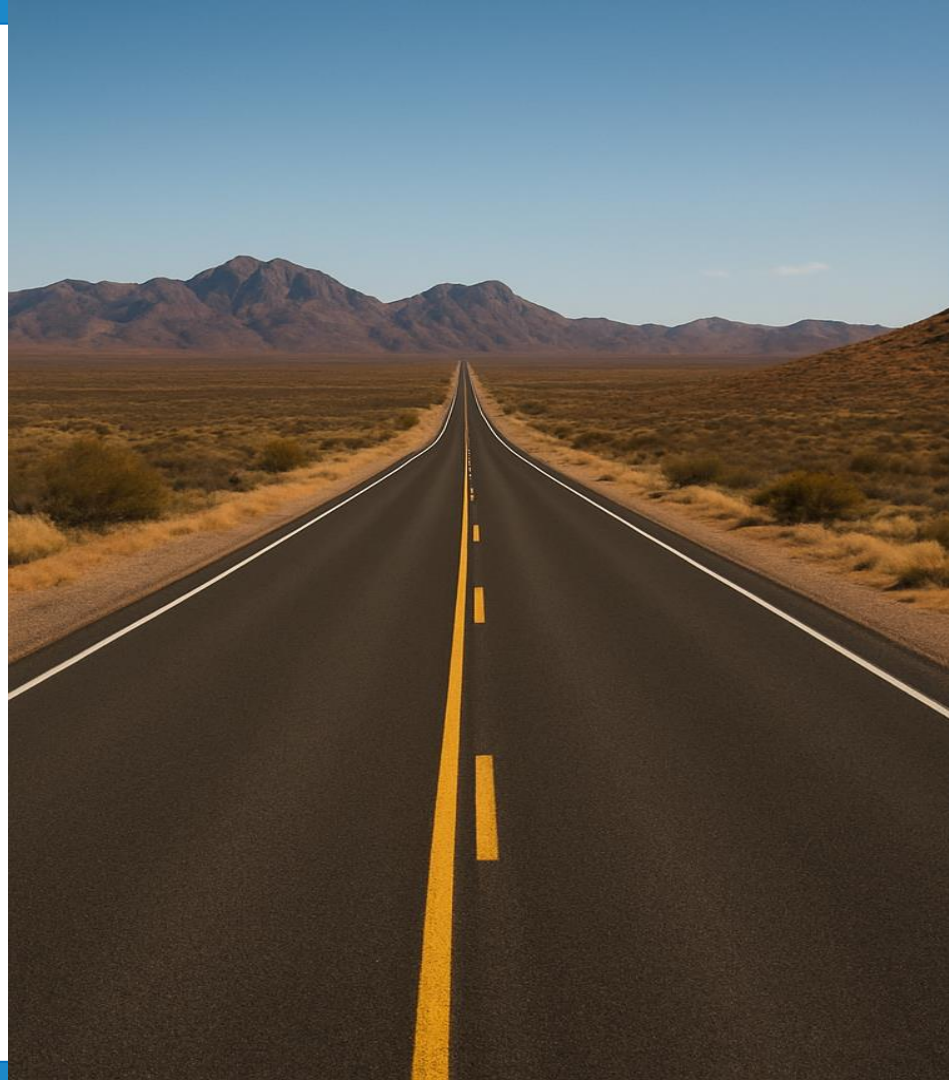
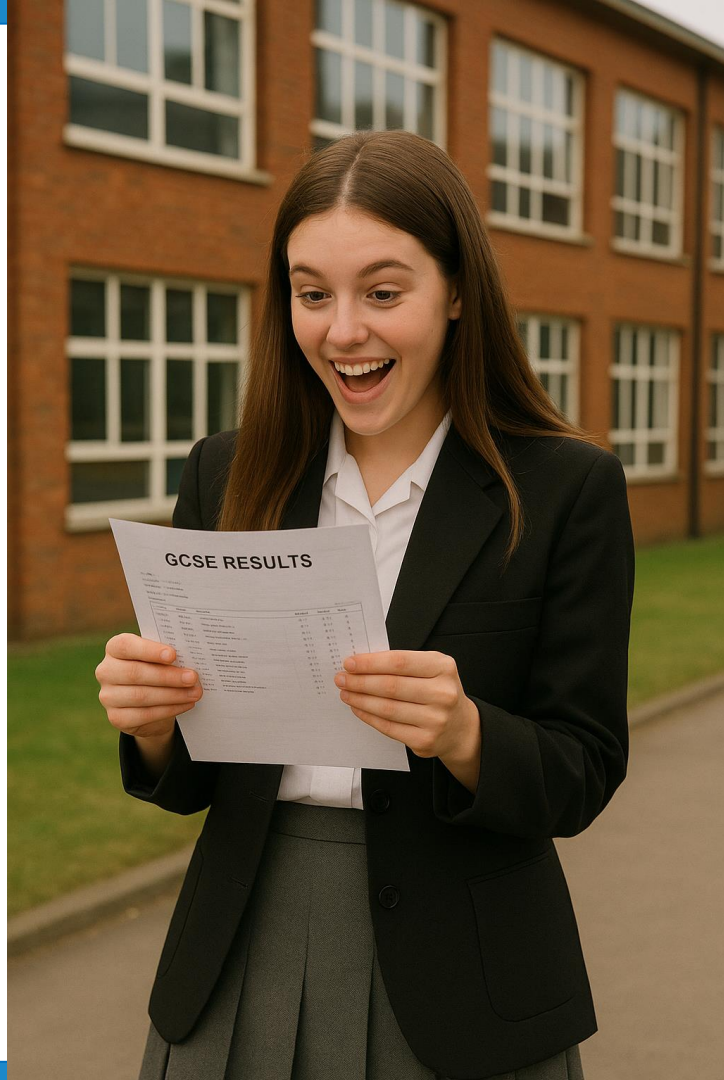
End of Year 11 - 18th June !

You!



Us!







Don't know much about history
Don't know much biology
Don't know much about science
book
Don't know much about the
French I took
But I do know that I love you
And I know that if you love me
too
What a wonderful world this
would be

